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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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Owing to the ongoing and fluid nature of the COVID-19 situation globally, announced activities might be postponed or cancelled at any time and without notice.

- 4S - Amateur radio operators from Sri Lanka have been authorized to append /70 to their callsigns (e.g. 4S7VK/70) during the month of December to mark the 70th anniversary since the founding of the Radio Society of Sri Lanka (formerly known as the Radio Society of Ceylon). [TNX DX World]
- 4X - Members of the Holy Land DX Group will be active as 4X7T from the UNESCO World Heritage site of Tel Be'er Sheva (square F23BS for the Holyland Award) on 25-26 December. They will operate CW, FT8 and SSB on 80-10 metres with three stations. QSL via 4Z5LA.
- 5T - Tom, DL7BO is expected to be active as 5T700 from Mauritania until around 20 December. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on various bands, provided the airline can find the antenna mast that was missing when he arrived in Nouakchott. QSL via DJ6TF (direct or bureau) and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]
- CP - Once again Antonio, EA5RM will be working on a non-governmental Organization's project in Bolivia on 9-26 January. In his spare time he will operate SSB and digital modes as CP1XRM. QSL via LoTW. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]
- EA - Special callsign A050UPC will be active on 15-30 December to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (Polytechnic University of Catalonia). A certificate will be available for download: <http://50aniversario-upc.dxfun.com>.
- HZ - HZ18SAT is a special callsign for the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) to celebrate the 18th anniversary of the launch of the Saudi satellite 1C SO-50 (20 December 2002). Look for activity on SO-50 on 17-27 December; see qrz.com for more information.
- JA - Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as JA4GXS/4 from Otsu Island (AS-117) on 25-26 December. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]
- JD1_oga- Once again Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 14 December to 9 January 2021. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau) or JG7PSJ (direct). He does not use LoTW or PayPal. Logsearch on <http://jd1bmh.webcrow.jp/>.
- OH - OH9SCL is once again active from Finnish Lapland ("Santa Claus Land") during the month of December. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to OH9FKJ.
- S5 - S520SAFE is a special callsign for members of Radioklub Elektron Brezice (S59ACP) to promote the "Be Safe Stay Safe" campaign in

order to stop the spread of Covid-19. Look for activity between 8 December and 31 January 2021. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct only to S56IPS.

- W - Brad, N9EN will be active as W4A on 18-20 December. He will operate CW only mainly on 40 and 20 metres. This activity is to commemorate the 130th anniversary since the birth of Edwin H. Armstrong (1890-1954), the inventor who laid the foundation for much of modern radio and electronic circuitry, including the regenerative and superheterodyne circuits and the frequency modulation (FM) system. QSL via N9EN, direct or bureau.
- YB - Members of ORARI Polewali Mandar and the Tipalayo DX Club will be active as 7C8M from Gusung Toraja Island (OC-236) on 26-30 December. QSL direct to YB8BRI (see qrz.com for PayPal instructions).

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2021 IOTA HONOUR ROLL & ANNUAL LISTING ---> The last date for sending score updates to checkpoints, both online or by QSL cards, for inclusion in the 2021 Honour Roll and Annual Listings is 31 January 2021. If cards are post-marked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way, but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. The current disruption to postal services as a result of coronavirus suggests that, where cards are to be sent, they should be sent in good time to enable credit to be given. Participants who have not updated since the 2016 annual listings and wish to remain listed should make a submission before 31 January 2021. Furthermore, those who have not logged into their record for more than two years, will need to revalidate their registration through [info@\[i\]iota-world.org](mailto:info@[i]iota-world.org). Do not leave it to the last moment as you may run out of time. [[TNX G3KMA]

6V1A: POSTPONED ---> The 18-20 December 6V1A operation from Goree Island (AF-045) [425DXN 1544] has been postponed to a later date TBA owing to the Covid-19 pandemic.

IOTA NEWS: OC-298 ---> "New IOTA OC-298, Tatakoto Atoll has now been confirmed following the opening up of QSO matching on LoTW for contacts with Cezar, VE3LYC's recent TX0T operation (30 October-5 November 2020)", IOTA General Manager Roger Balister (G3KMA) posted to the IOTA website on 10 December (<https://iota-world.org/management-news.html>). "This has enabled credits made previously with the island by FO5RH, FO0CLA and TX5TES and credited to OC-066 to be transferred to the new number OC-298 where the evidence is clear. Record holders may wish to check if they now need to restore credit for OC-066 with a replacement card. Requests arising from this change of group number should be made using the normal update procedure

through checkpoints".

LOTW QUICK START GUIDES ---> The "New User Guide" and "Quick Start Guides - Submitting QSOs to LoTW" (from Windows, MacOS & OS X, Linux) are available: <http://www.arrl.org/quick-start> and <http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world> "There are a lot of updates that are still needed to Logbook Help", Greg Widin, K0GW (ARRL Logbook of The World Committee, Chair) says. "However, the Guides are likely to attract the attention and use of exactly those who can most benefit from them".

QSL VK9NC, VK9NE & VK9NG ---> "Unfortunately, due to the ongoing serious restrictions on the delivery of letters sent abroad (due to COVID) by Polish Post Office, and the fact that our cards sent to many countries returned with the words 'no delivery' (and stamps cancelled), our manager SP7VC had to resign from sending QSL cards from Poland", Jacek, SP5EAQ (ex VK9NE) says. "In this situation, Willi, DL8MAN came to our aid by successively sending cards from Mainburg. Willi always ensures delivery after making sure the country is served by the German Post Office. Previously, some cards could be delivered in bulk by road transport according to lists provided by the main sponsors". VK9NC, VK9NE and VK9NG were active from Norfolk Island in October-November 2019. [TNX DX World]

SOLAR CYCLE 25 ---> "In direct contradiction to the official forecast, a team of scientists led by the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) is predicting that the Sunspot Cycle that started this fall could be one of the strongest since record-keeping began": see <https://news.ucar.edu/132771/new-sunspot-cycle-could-be-one-strongest-record> [TNX HB9PL]

VA6/VE6: NEW QSL BUREAU MANAGER ---> Jerry, VE6TL is the new manager of the Incoming QSL Bureau (<http://www.buro.ve6hams.com>) for the Canadian province of Alberta (VA6/VE6). The mailing address is Jerry Spring, 206 Hampstead PL NW, Calgary AB T3A 5J2, Canada. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4F2KWT, 4U1UN, 5E1EC, 5H3EE, 6Y6STAYHOME, 6Y6Y, 7H9H (OC-275), 9N1CA, AD5A/p (NA-092), CT3MD, E51WL, EA8DBM, EI2JD, FM5BH, GM4KGK (EU-010), HH2JR, HI3Y, HP3SS, HS1NGR, ID9OSC (EU-017), IM0DTF (EU-041), K0AP/4 (NA-052), NL7V, NP4Z, OE8/DL1MKW, PU0FDN, PY0F, PY0FR, R9AB, RA0FF (AS-018), RI0B (AS-068), UA0CW, VK4DX/p (OC-137), XE2N.

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